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Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY FOR APPROVAL: Lime Tree Bay Media Inquiry

Importance: High

Hi Pete,

I mentioned this one earlier today. Sorry to keep piling it on. We'd love to get this one to HQ tomorrow morning as early as we can, as the reporter's deadline is noon tomorrow and we will also have to get OPA, Office of Air and Radiation, and OECA approval due to the complexity.

STATUS: Open

INQUIRY RECEIVED ON: July 17

Deadline: July 20 noon

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Reporter: Brian O'Connor, Reporter, Virgin Islands Daily News, Office: (340) 714-9130, boconnor@dailynews.vi Note: This reporter is familiar with and has closely covered the former HOVENSA site and related legal developments.

Question(s) from reporter and Proposed Responses:

I'm broadly interested in the HOVENSA site over on St. Croix.

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(1) First, was HOVENSA able to complete the \$700 million mandate in their Clean Air Act consent decree prior to closure? Would a potential restart of the refinery under a different company create a material liability for the new operator? Or would we start over again in the enforcement and monitoring phase?

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(2) Second, could I obtain a copy of the most recent version of the RCRA permit from you guys? I notice on the EPA website detailing the ongoing hazardous substance mitigation efforts, the most recent two-year report is from 2015. What's the status of the 2017 report?

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(3) How was the site impacted by Irma and Maria at all? I previously reported concerns about an active asbestos dump on the Limetree terminals premises.

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